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APPLICANTS : KOUJI NOMURA ET AL.  
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FOR : **METHOD FOR PRODUCING WATER-ABSORBING COMPOSITE**  
GROUP ART UNIT : 1791  
EXAMINER : JOHN L GOFF II

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

**March 19, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2008, submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination. Please enter and consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin at page 5 of this paper.